

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4.4 Te Whare Roimata

Jenny Smith, Willie Kong and Malcolm McMillan from Te Whare Roimata addressed the Board, reported on what they have been able to do with the funding provided by the Board and discussed the contribution Te Whare Roimata is making in the inner city east community.

The funding received by Te Whare Roimata for community garden projects meant that it is able to continue the model of community development and strengthen resources in the eastern inner city, provide a collective way of working, extending skills and developing their own responses to issues.

The community garden is one of several projects Te Whare is involved in. Te Whare operates on the twin notion of a marae with a village. It provides support and outreach to those in the east inner city who often find it difficult to access resources. A lot of people in the inner city do not have access to land. Jenny Smith reiterated the loss of continuity that is inherent with Task Force Green funding.

Te Whare would like the possibility of three year funding to enable it to provide some certainty to its projects.

Jenny and all at Te Whare thanked the Board for its funding and continued interest and support of Te Whare Roimata.